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(U) San Luis Obispo – Man Arrested After Assault Weapons, Ghost Guns Discovered at Home

(U) The US Department of Justice arrested a San Luis Obispo man after agents discovered an arsenal of illegal weapons at his home. Authorities seized a "large cache" of assault weapons, including 16 unregistered assault weapons, five unserialized ghost gun AK-style machine guns, 45 AK-style unserialized ghost gun machine gun kits with several stamped 'Made in Russia,' two silencers, one unregistered .50 caliber BMG rifle, 420 large-capacity magazines, and approximately 150 rounds of ammunition. The suspect, who was not identified in the release, allegedly ordered machine gun parts from Russia, cut them up, and used them to create illegal unserialized ghost guns.

SOURCE: 10 October 2022, San Luis Obispo Tribune

(U) Walnut Creek – BART Station Closure Caused by Suspicious Package Discovery

(U) The discovery of a suspicious package yesterday morning closed the BART station for about two hours during the morning commute. BART police closed the station at about 8:10 am to investigate the package that an employee found in the old parking structure. A Walnut Creek bomb squad inspected the device and removed it. No other information about the investigation was released.

SOURCE: 10 October 2022, East Bay Times

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Five Alleged Smugglers Added to Border's 'Most Wanted' List

(U) El Paso – Five individuals have been added to the list of the Border Patrol's "most wanted." All five are suspected of being associated with transnational criminal organizations and will have their photos featured in posters, flyers, and billboards on both sides of the border as part of the "Se Busca Información" initiative. Authorities say they are wanted for crimes associated with human and drug smuggling on both sides of the border.

SOURCE: 10 October 2022, WWLP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Airports' Sites Taken Down in DDoS Attacks by Pro-Russian Hackers

(U) Washington – The pro-Russian hacktivist group 'KillNet' claimed a large-scale distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against websites of several major airports in the US, making them inaccessible. The LaGuardia, O'Hare, and LAX websites were among the 14 airports targeted, and most are back online. A senior US government official said that air traffic control, internal airport communications, and other critical operations were not affected, but travelers looking for security wait times or other information may have been inconvenienced.

SOURCE: 10 October 2022, CNN Bleeping Computer

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(U) Ohio - More Than Four Million Deadly Dosages of Fentanyl Seized During DEA Enforcement Surge

(U) Cleveland – As part of the nationwide "One Pill Can Kill" initiative in Ohio, the DEA and its law enforcement partners seized more than 65 kilograms of fentanyl powder and 87,000 fentanyl-laced pills during the period of 23 May 2022 through 8 September 2022 – enough to provide 4,766,788 deadly dosages. Nationwide, more than 10.2 million fentanyl pills and approximately 980 pounds of fentanyl powder were seized during the same period. The amount of fentanyl taken off the streets during this surge is equivalent to more than 36 million lethal doses. Additionally, 338 weapons were seized, including rifles, shotguns, pistols, and hand grenades.

SOURCE: 11 October 2022, US DOJ

(U) Pennsylvania – Level 1 Mass Casualty Incident Reported at Day Care After Carbon Monoxide Leak

(U) Allentown — A carbon monoxide leak at a daycare sent 26 children and workers to the hospital. EMTs and firefighters initially responded to a medical call for a child who was unconscious, when upon arrival, the monitors on their bags alerted them to carbon monoxide. That prompted a full evacuation of the center and a massive emergency response, as multiple people were showing symptoms. The incident was reported as a level 1 mass casualty incident, meaning local emergency responders and hospitals may be overwhelmed by the number of patients. All were in stable condition.

SOURCE: 11 October 2022, WFMZ

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) India – Anti-Terrorism Squad Arrests Eight Suspects With Links To Al-Qa'ida

(U) Uttar Pradesh – The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) arrested eight suspected terrorists having links with the al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and its affiliate Jamaat-Ul-Mujahideen. The eight were arrested from different places in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Authorities recovered electronic evidence of alleged terror-funding and jihadi literature from the suspects which confirmed their affiliation with the terrorist organizations.

SOURCE: 11 October 2022, Outlook India

(U) Mexico – President States Mexico-Russia Space Agreement Won't be Used for Espionage

(U) Mexico City – Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador reiterated yesterday that his administration has entered into a space agreement with Russia. He recalled that it was signed in September 2021, several months before Moscow's invasion of Ukraine and denied that it will be used for espionage purposes. The agreement specifically provides for the installation of Russian GLONASS systems - Russia's equivalent of the US Global Positioning System (GPS) - and an electronic optical system for the prevention of dangerous space situations in Mexico.

SOURCE: 10 October 2022, San Diego Union Tribune

(U) Somalia – Forces Kill Over 200 Al-Shabab Militants in Central Region

(U) Mogadishu – The Somali National Army (SNA) claimed to have killed more than 200 Al-Shabaab militants during an operation conducted on Sunday in Bulaburte district of central Somalia. The Al-Shabaab militants were planning to block the road between Beledweyne and Bulaburte district to stage an ambush. The SNA forces received intelligence of the ambush and were able to thwart the attack. SOURCE: 10 October 2022, This Day Live

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(U) Spain – Police Arrest Albanian Gang Involved in Smuggling Migrants to UK

(U) Madrid – Police have arrested members of a gang linked to a people-trafficking network which smuggled Albanian migrants from Spain to Britain by concealing them on boats and ferries, Spanish police said on Saturday. The migrants, some of them children, paid the gang between 3,000 euros and 15,000 euros to make the journey to Britain. The gang has been trafficking migrants from Albania to Britain since 2014, but it was not known how many people had made the journey. Seven Albanian nationals were arrested as part of an operation with the British National Crime Agency. SOURCE: 8 October 2022, Reuters

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